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In New York, prices were unchanged on all sizes. Elsewhere, regional prices were higher on all weights when compared to the previous week. The market tone was fully steady to mostly firm. Retail and distributive demand was moderate to good. Supplies were closely balanced to sufficient for current needs. Breaking stock demand was moderate to fairly good for normal to reduced schedules. Breaking stock supplies were held with increased confidence due in part to reports of light volume of product being exported. Light type fowl were mostly adequate to at least sufficient for the light to moderate demand.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MIDWEST REGIONAL Midwest delivered prices were higher for all sizes. Prices to producers were unchanged. Trade sentiment was firm. Catoned egg sales were fairly good to good. Loose egg movement was moderate to fairly good. Supplies were adequate to close and held with confidence. Central States breaking prices were unchanged with checks and undergrades higher. Demand was moderate to at times good. Offerings continued to be short of current needs. Floor stocks were tight. Schedules were slightly reduced this week. Trade sentiment firm.

IA-MN-WI-Prices paid to producers.					
	RANGE	MOSTLY		RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	66-75	69-72	LARGE	47-56	51
LARGE	65-74	67-70	MEDIUM	28-34	32
MEDIUM	46-55	48-51	SMALL	15-19	

MIDWEST AREA: IA, IL, IN, KY, MI, MN, OH, NE, ND, SD, WI, WV, Western NY, and Western PA

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were higher on all sizes when compared to the previous week's values. Trade sentiment ranged fully steady to mostly firm entering the week. Retail and distributive demand ranged moderate to fairly good. Supplies were adequate to close and held with increased confidence. Breaking stock offerings were limited for a moderate to good demand. Spent hens were mostly adequate to at least adequate for normal processing schedules.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	73-87	73-76
LARGE	67-81	72-76
MEDIUM	48-61	53-55

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, eastern NJ, eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL Prices were higher. Trade sentiment was firm. Cartoned egg sales were fairly good to good. Food service demand was moderate to fairly good. Supplies were adequate to usually close and held with confidence. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged with checks and undergrades higher. Demand was moderate to at times good. Offerings continued to be short of current needs. Floor stocks were tight. Schedules slightly reduced this week. Trade sentiment firm.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	74.5-83	76-79
LARGE	72.5-81	74-77
MEDIUM	52.5-61	54-57

SOUTH CENTRAL AREA: AR, AZ, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, and TX

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were higher on all sizes when compared to the previous week's values. Trade sentiment was mostly firm beginning the week. Retail and distributive demand was moderate to good. Supplies were adequate to closely balanced and confidently held. Breaking stock offerings were limited for the moderate to good demand. Spent hen offerings were usually sufficient to at least adequate for a light to moderate demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	60.25-80	74-77
LARGE	56.25-78	72-75
MEDIUM	50-58	51-55

SOUTHEAST AREA: AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, eastern TN, and southern VA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

NEW YORK Prices were unchanged on all sizes when compared to Friday's values. Trade sentiment ranged fully steady to firm entering the week. Demand was moderate to good. Supplies were usually adequate for medium eggs, however heavier weights were closely balanced and continued to be held with confidence.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	82-86
LARGE	80-84
MEDIUM	60-64

MIDWEST REGIONAL

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	73-81	74-76
LARGE	71-79	72-74
MEDIUM	52-60	53-55

see page 3 for prices on certified organic eggs in cartons

WESTERN Prices were higher throughout the region with jumbos 9 cents higher, extra large and large 13 cents higher and mediums 2 cents higher. The Pacific region inventory was 1% higher than last Monday with California down 5 percent and Oregon/Washington/Utah up 10 percent. Retailer demand was fair to fairly good. Offerings were in fair balance with immediate needs.

CALIFORNIA Prices were 9 cents higher on jumbo, 13 cents higher on extra large and large, and 2 cents higher on medium and small. The California inventory was 5 percent lower than last week. Retailer demand was moderate overall. Offerings were in fairly good balance. Small benchmark price 72.

Shell egg marketer's benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

	RANGE
JUMBO	122
EXTRA LARGE	121
LARGE	111
MEDIUM	92

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA		NORTHERN CALIFORNIA	
	RANGE		RANGE
JUMBO	279-299	JUMBO	329-379
LARGE	249-269	EXTRA LARGE	238-339
LARGE	199-249	LARGE	188-329
MEDIUM	189-209	MEDIUM	158-285

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending November 03, 2006 will increase by 1 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending October 27, 2006 were 310,701 cases which was 4 percent below the prior week and 5 percent below estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	270,857	39,844	310,701
% change from the prior week.....	-6	+8	-4

Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 14 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK Breaking stock prices were unchanged with checks and undergrades higher. Demand was moderate to at times good. Offerings continued to be short of current needs. Floor stocks were tight. Schedules were slightly reduced this week due to lack of product to break. Trade sentiment firm.

Prices in cents per dozen, delivered to breakers, 48 lb. minimum net weight per 30 dozen case, eggs from table egg layers. Packaging may vary.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	38-40	
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	25-32	27-29
AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI		

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Trading levels were near unchanged from the past week. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Schedules were normal. Finished sales were moderate. Trade sentiment was steady at best.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)*
FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF
30-OCT-06

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	2-8 CENTS/LB.		5.02

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTHEAST LIVE HEAVY HEN Prices were generally unchanged when compared to the previous week. Demand was fair to moderate for the adequate to fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Processing schedules were noted as mostly normal. Sales of finished product was fair. The undertone was steady

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)*
FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF
30-OCT-06

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	1-7 CENTS/LB.		4.93
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT- OCTOBER 30, 2006

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/

(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO	SO	SO		5-Area
		CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	10.3	18.5	9.0	12.0	62.3
	Change	0.0	1.6	1.0	0.3	3%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	27.9	42.6	17.3	26.2	149.8
	Change	1.4	-8.0	4.8	4.7	0%
Large	Curr Wk	53.6	149.0	96.2	110.3	534.4
	Change	1.7	11.6	17.8	17.0	11%
Medium	Curr Wk	11.2	50.0	21.8	20.1	131.3
	Change	0.7	5.5	5.1	1.4	9%
Small	Curr Wk	4.0	4.6	1.5	3.8	19.4
	Change	-0.3	0.3	-0.2	1.0	5%
Misc	Curr Wk	2.3	30.9	9.3	13.0	64.8
	Change	-0.3	-2.7	-1.7	0.4	-2%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	24.2	47.5	20.0	37.9	151.0
	Change	7.7	-4.6	-3.7	4.4	1%
Total	Curr Wk	133.5	343.1	175.1	223.3	1113.0
Percent	Change	9%	1%	15%	15%	7%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
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Shell Egg	1113.0	7%	165
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	204.4	-6%	35

Total Shell Egg	1317.4	5%	200
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1/ Information supplied by a universe of 165 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. This is a representative sample of the U.S. inventory and includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

Northeast- CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT
North Central - IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI
South Central - AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX
South Atlantic - AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV
Pacific- AZ, CA, ID, MT, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY

CANADIAN EGGS QUEBEC/MONTREAL: WHOLESALE PRICES- GRADED IN CARTONS (CANADIAN DOLLARS) AS REPORTED BY AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD CANADA, AISD, AID, POULTRY SECTION FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 16, 2006

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	1.91	1.88	1.79	1.18

MINIMUM PRICES FOR PRODUCERS FOB FARM FOR WEEK OF OCTOBER 16, 2006 AS SET BY ONTARIO EGG PRODUCERS.

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	1.46	1.46	1.36	.77

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — DAILY WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR OCT 27, 2006

CURRENT LOADS								11.00		FUTURE LOADS				31.25		TOTAL LOADS				42.25	
SE		NE		MW						SC		NW		SW							
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS						
GNR W 1	51.50	—	53.00	54.00	—	—	13.00	GNR W 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	9.00					
GNR W 3	—	—	33.00	34.00	—	—	1.00	GL W J	—	—	—	—	—	—	74.00	1.00					
GL W J	59.00	—	—	—	—	—	1.00	GL W XL	—	—	—	—	—	—	79.75	1.00					
GL W XL	—	—	—	—	64.00	—	5.00	GL W LG	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00					
GL W LG	—	—	64.00	66.00	—	—	4.25	GL W MD	37.50	—	—	—	—	—	42.00	3.00					
GL W SM	—	—	25.00	27.50	—	—	1.00	GL BR LG	—	—	71.00	—	—	—	78.00	1.00					
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	—	9.00														
NRBS - 39	—	—	—	—	—	—	4.00														

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 10/23/06-10/27/06

CURRENT LOADS								78.00		FUTURE LOADS								75.75		TOTAL LOADS								153.75	
		SE		NE		MW						SC		NW		SW													
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	LOADS				
GNR W 1	48.75	53.00	48.10	50.22	—	—	43.00	GNR W 1	—	53.50	—	—	—	—	26.00	GNR W 1	—	53.50	—	—	—	26.00	GNR W 1	—	53.50	26.00			
GNR W 3	—	—	33.00	34.00	—	—	1.00	GNR BR 1	—	71.00	—	—	—	—	1.00	GNR BR 1	—	71.00	—	—	—	1.00	GNR BR 1	—	71.00	1.00			
GNR BR 1	—	77.00	—	—	—	—	2.00	GL W J	58.33	70.00	—	—	61.00	69.25	6.00	GL W J	58.33	70.00	—	—	61.00	69.25	6.00	GL W J	58.33	70.00	6.00		
GL W J	59.00	—	63.33	64.67	58.00	—	5.00	GL W XL	—	66.50	—	—	—	68.77	16.25	GL W XL	—	66.50	—	—	—	68.77	16.25	GL W XL	—	66.50	16.25		
GL W XL	61.50	63.50	57.00	64.54	56.34	58.80	42.50	GL W LG	—	63.80	—	—	—	64.89	26.75	GL W LG	—	63.80	—	—	—	64.89	26.75	GL W LG	—	63.80	26.75		
GL W LG	—	60.15	58.50	59.30	54.75	61.00	46.25	GL W MD	37.00	50.00	—	—	—	43.33	8.00	GL W MD	37.00	50.00	—	—	—	43.33	8.00	GL W MD	37.00	50.00	8.00		
GL W MD	47.00	—	36.25	39.00	35.00	—	6.50	GL BR LG	—	—	71.00	—	—	80.40	1.50	GL BR LG	—	—	71.00	—	—	80.40	1.50	GL BR LG	—	—	1.50		
GL W SM	32.00	35.00	24.50	26.50	—	—	5.00																						
GL BR LG	—	—	—	—	—	—	.50																						
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	35.75	40.00	17.00																						
NRBS - 42	—	—	33.00	—	—	—	1.00																						
NRBS - 39	—	—	—	—	—	—	4.00																						

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT - MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED.

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS (In Thousands)

ON HAND	10/23/06	10/16/06	10/24/05
PACIFIC COAST	5	50	106
LOS ANGELES	4	40	103

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS The market is steady on small, higher on all other sizes. Supplies of extra large and large are held with confidence. Retail demand is good.

PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MOSTLY	
EXTRA LARGE	89.86
LARGE	88.86
MEDIUM	68.86
SMALL	54.00

CERTIFIED ORGANIC EGGS IN CARTONS

(price per carton delivered to first receivers)

Brown Eggs	CENTS/CARTON	MOSTLY
Extra Large doz.	222 – 261	239 - 240
1/2 doz.	120 – 151	130 - 134
Large doz.	217 – 250	225 - 230
1/2 doz.	115 – 142	125 - 128

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